

Calling for tenders for new \$800,000 addition at MHC



April patrollers

Safety patrollers of the month of April in Penetanguishene, with Constable Tim Vaillan-

court, are, from left, Tom Duquette, Edward Lacroix, John Desjardins, and Jill Duggan.

A new addition is in the forecast for the Oak Ridge division of Penetanguishene's Mental Health Centre.

Hon. George Taylor, MPP for Simcoe East and Solicitor General for Ontario announced this week, tenders are now being called for the addition at MHC.

Estimated cost, according to Taylor, is \$800,000. In making the announcement Taylor said,

"I am especially gratified that this project will soon be underway, as I feel it is a direct response to the recommendations which I submitted to the Ministers of Government Services and Health after my visit to Oak Ridge on Nov. 24, 1980".

The proposed project will provide a visitors' lounge with refreshment servery on the first floor and accommodation for professional personnel in their respective patient care area, thus relieving presently

overcrowded conditions in other staff areas. provincial maximum security facility for the Oak Ridge is a criminally insane.

\$16,000-plus and counting

Red Shield right on target

As of press time today, more than \$16,000 has been raised by Midland Salvation Army's more than 200 canvassers during May's Red Shield Month in North Simcoe campaign, reports, Lt. Ray Braddock.

For example this week nearly \$2,000 was collected in Penetanguishene by that town's Legion (it expects to raise \$3,000 by the end of the month) while \$2,000 was collected in Port McNicoll during a series of one-night blitzes.

Waubushene is still being blitzed while not all commercial and industrial collections have been accounted for in Midland.

Last year the Salvation Army which is marking its 97th year in Midland and its centennial in Canada, raised just over \$23,000.

Chairlady of this year's campaign is former Midland councillor Nancy Keefe. She held the same post last year as well.

NO MOVEMENT BETWEEN POSITIONS

Teachers will finish year, says their negotiator

by Murray Moore

Simcoe County's secondary school teachers will not be walking out of the classroom between today and the end of the school year, "unless something very strange happens," Jim Forster, chief negotiator for the teachers, said yesterday.

According to Forster, and Bob Sporning, the Simcoe County secondary school teachers' president, a meeting between the board and the teachers Wednesday was without result.

The board's trustees at their Wednesday evening meeting authorized the school board to take the measures necessary to offer as complete a normal school program as possible in the event of a strike.

The board also created a strike management committee.

The teachers' position, Sporning said yesterday, is that the board and the teachers should be able to reach an agreeable settlement between the end of this school year and the start of the new school year.

Of Wednesday's meeting, Sporning said, the impression given by the board's representatives was that "if we didn't like (the board's offer) we could hit the bricks."

The board reiterated that the offer already voted on, and rejected, by the teachers is its final offer, Forster said.

Forster, who has been representing the teachers since March, said the problem is difficult but it can be solved.

On the main points of contention, staffing and salaries, the board, Forster said, is fixed, while the teachers are flexible.

On staffing, the teachers say that the board and the teachers had settled on a Parent-Teacher Ratio of 16.5 students per teacher next year, and a PTR for 1983-84 of 16, but that in March the board raised the PTR figures, to 16.75 and 16.35.

Board administrator Irving Harris, reached by telephone Tuesday, when asked a question said, "Press releases would be sent out when the board had something to say."

Teachers also want to settle the issue of staffing when special education, and co-operative education, programs are introduced between 1983 and 1985. The resulting smaller classes will create a need for more teachers, Forster said.

Last Wednesday's meeting of teacher and board representatives occurred at the board's invitation, Sporning said, so that the board could find out the teachers exact position. "We didn't get anywhere."

The county's elementary school teachers, who are also without a contract, are to meet in Barrie next Tuesday.

Ministry has no money

There is no provincial money for school construction in Simcoe County next year, the Simcoe County Board of Education has been informed by the Ministry of Education.

Elmvale District High School will go without an addition for at least one more year. An addition to EDHS was at the top of the board's list of projects. An addition to the school has been on the list for a number of years, and made it to the top this year

Board trustee Wendy MacKenzie, who called the decision "a little distressing," yesterday, also said, "At a time when we are looking at improved secondary school education, to not provide funds to upgrade our schools to keep in step with what is happening in secondary school education is quite deplorable."

A committee of the board will be requesting a meeting with the Minister of Education to discuss the lack of money, MacKenzie said.

Landscaping's the name... To plant plants at plant?

Midland Public Works Committee is to seek quotations for landscaping at the town's newly reconstructed and expanded water pollution treatment plant at William and Bay Street East.

The work, planned for last fall, wasn't completed due to poor weather conditions.

The committee is to review the quotations at its next meeting before making any final decision on the matter.

Meanwhile the committee has been told by Commissioner of Works Percy Ehler, the down-

town revitalization program currently underway along both sides of King Street will be completed well before the target date of July 1.

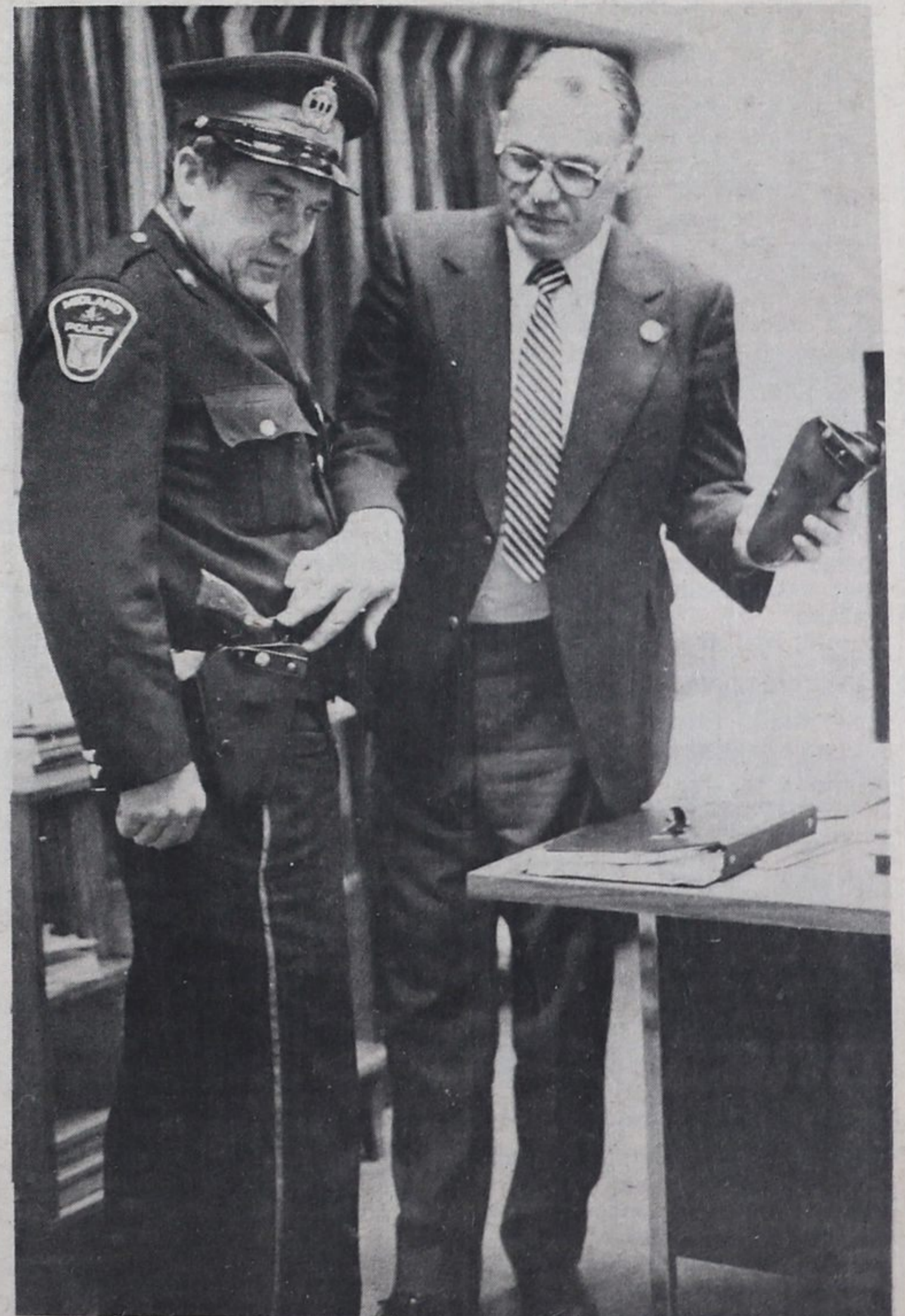
That was the date that had been originally set for completion of the nearly \$200,000 project.

And the commissioner of works has been instructed to have the same two real estate appraisers who completed appraisals of the Edwards property undertake appraisals for property required in conjunction with the construction of Bayshore Drive III, west of King Street.

They want you in the picture...

Members of the 1st and 2nd Penetanguishene (Brownies) Guides are planning to hold Operation Snapping.

Be prepared, they say for more details concerning their photo contest, in next Friday's newspaper.



Safety first

That's Police Chief Ernest Bates, right, holding a new "The Boss" holster one platoon on his force is currently testing. Const. Roger

Adams, left, displays the new holster which comes complete with a number of important safety features.